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Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on November 16, 1957, Richard Cook, son of Carold and Mildred Cook, took the hand of his beautiful bride, Judy Klocke, daughter of Ed and Maxine Klocke, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony at the home of the Reverend Clark Bunkner of Palmyra, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Richard and Judy Cook have had the pleasure of raising three children, Susie Wood of Lewistown, Richard Cook, Jr., of Durham, and Larry Cook of Ewing, and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren; and

Whereas, Richard Cook is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as an employee of Celotex Corporation, from which he is now retired; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Judy Cook further distinguished herself by working at the Country Aire Retirement Estates prior to her retirement; and

Whereas, Richard and Judy Cook have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Cook, residents of Durham, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a dinner hosted by their loved ones at Sprout's Inn in Quincy:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Richard and Judy Cook for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

 $Be\ it\ further\ resolved$ that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook.

Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 23, adopted January 9, 2008.